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Board of Directors
Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District
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Directors:

Memorandum to Board of Supervisors – Santa Clarita Deep Well Injection

Enclosed is the memorandum requested by the Board of Supervisors regarding the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation Districts' efforts to site deep well injection facilities.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Grace Robinson Hyde

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Enclosure



Memorandum

Date: February 13, 2014

To: Supervisor Don Knabe , Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: Grace Robinson Hyde *GR Hyde*
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Subject: Response to Lynne Plambeck Testimony to the Board of Supervisors on January 7, 2014
Regarding Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District Injection Wells in Significant Ecological
Area (SEA) No. 64

At the January 7, 2014, Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting, Ms. Lynne Plambeck expressed concern over a Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District (SCVSD) proposal that included construction of deep injection wells on property within SEA No. 64 and requested that the Board investigate this issue. This memorandum presents background for context and responds to Ms. Plambeck's concern.

Background

In 2013, the SCVSD approved a Facilities Plan and adopted an associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that recommended a plan to comply with wastewater treatment discharge limits for chloride established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. An element of the approved project was disposal of brine waste by deep well injection (DWI). As part of the Facilities Plan, the SCVSD conducted a regional analysis of suitable areas for DWI and determined that an area identified as Site A was the only area within the region that had the potential to meet all of the SCVSD's injection needs. Most of the property within Site A is part of SEA No. 64.

Response

In October 2013, a conservation easement for the West Ridge Conservation Area was recorded that effectively prohibits development. This conservation area encompasses much of the area identified by the SCVSD as Site A. The SCVSD has shifted its efforts towards securing property for DWI facilities outside the Conservation Easement, which would place DWI development outside of SEA No. 64. As directed by the SCVSD Board of Directors when the EIR was adopted, the SCVSD will complete any necessary additional California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the final property that is selected.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or Mr. Raymond Tremblay at (562) 908-4288, extension 2701 or via email at rtremblay@lacsdc.org.

cc: Board of Directors – Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District
Department of Public Works
Regional Planning Commission

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